

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (Currently amended) An inflator comprising:

a bottle configured to be charged with a high-pressure gas;  
a sealing plate positioned to seal the bottle at an orifice; and  
a receiving member including a perforation structure for breaking the sealing plate,  
wherein one of the receiving member and the bottle includes a projection extending  
partially around the periphery of the receiving member or the bottle and wherein the  
projection mates with a groove in the other of the receiving member or bottle when the bottle  
and receiving member are coupled together thereby preventing the receiving member and the  
bottle from moving apart; and

wherein the projection is configured to move axially within the receiving member  
prior to mating with the groove.

2. (Currently Amended) An inflator comprising:

a bottle configured to be charged with a high-pressure gas;  
a sealing plate positioned to seal the bottle at an orifice; and  
a receiving member including a perforation structure for breaking the sealing plate,  
wherein one of the receiving member and the bottle includes a projection extending  
partially around the periphery of the receiving member or the bottle and wherein the  
projection mates with a groove in the other of the receiving member or bottle when the bottle  
and receiving member are coupled together thereby preventing the receiving member and the  
bottle from moving apart; and

The inflator of claim 1,

wherein the other of the receiving member or the bottle includes a guide groove for  
receiving the projection of the receiving member or bottle when the receiving member and  
bottle are being coupled together.

3. (Original) The inflator of claim 1, wherein the bottle extends into the receiving  
member.

4. (Currently Amended) An inflator comprising:  
a bottle configured to be charged with a high-pressure gas;  
a sealing plate positioned to seal the bottle at an orifice; and  
a receiving member including a perforation structure for breaking the sealing plate,  
wherein one of the receiving member and the bottle includes a projection extending  
partially around the periphery of the receiving member or the bottle and wherein the  
projection mates with a groove in the other of the receiving member or bottle when the bottle  
and receiving member are coupled together thereby preventing the receiving member and the  
bottle from moving apart; and

The inflator of claim 1,

wherein each of the receiving member and the bottle include a key groove.

5. (Currently Amended) The inflator of ~~claim 2~~ claim 4, wherein when the receiving member and the bottle are coupled together, the key grooves are aligned and a key is positioned in the key groove to prevent relative rotation of the bottle and the receiving member.

6. (Currently Amended) An inflator comprising:
  - a bottle configured to be charged with a high-pressure gas;
  - a sealing plate positioned to seal the bottle at an orifice; and
  - a receiving member having an axial direction and including a perforation structure for breaking the sealing plate,
    - wherein the bottle includes
      - projections formed on ~~the~~ a peripheral surface of one end of the bottle extending in ~~the~~ a peripheral direction, and
      - key groove formed in the peripheral surface of the one end of the bottle, extending in the axial direction;
    - wherein one end of the receiving member includes
      - a guide groove extending in the axial direction of the receiving member located on an inner surface at one end of the receiving member, the guide groove configured to guide the projection of the bottle when the receiving member is being coupled with the end of the bottle,
      - grooves extending in the peripheral direction, for mating with the projections after relative rotation of the receiving member and the bottle, and
      - key groove positioned to align with the key groove on the bottle after relative rotation of the receiving member and the bottle rotate;
      - a key configured to be inserted into the key grooves for preventing relative rotation of the bottle and the receiving member; and
    - wherein the end of the bottle is coupled with ~~the~~ an end of the receiving member, and
    - wherein the bottle and the receiving member are connected to each other by the rotation of the bottle or the receiving member.
  7. (Original) The inflator of claim 6, wherein the length of the key groove formed in the peripheral surface of the bottle is at least twice the length of the key;
  8. (Original) The inflator of claim 7, wherein the length of the key groove formed in the inner surface of the receiving member is substantially greater than or equal to the length of the key.

9. (Original) The inflator of claim 8, wherein the inflator is configured so that the key is completely inserted into the key groove formed in the inner surface of the receiving member after the bottle and the receiving member are assembled with each other.

10. (Currently amended) An inflator comprising:

a bottle having an axial direction and configured to be charged with a high-pressure gas;

a sealing plate positioned to seal the bottle at an orifice; and

a receiving member having an axial direction including a perforation structure for breaking the sealing plate,

wherein the bottle and receiving member are coupled together so that the axial directions are aligned and wherein the bottle and receiving member are prevented from moving apart in an axial direction by an engaged projection and groove; and

wherein the projection is configured to move axially within the receiving member prior to mating with the groove.

11. (Currently Amended) An inflator comprising:

a bottle having an axial direction and configured to be charged with a high-pressure gas;

a sealing plate positioned to seal the bottle at an orifice; and

a receiving member having an axial direction including a perforation structure for breaking the sealing plate,

wherein the bottle and receiving member are coupled together so that the axial directions are aligned and wherein the bottle and receiving member are prevented from moving apart in an axial direction by an engaged projection and groove; and

The inflator of claim 10,

wherein relative rotation of the bottle and the receiving member is prevented by a key positioned in a key groove.

12. (Original) The inflator of claim 10, wherein the projection is located on an outside of the bottle.
13. (Original) The inflator of claim 12, wherein the projection extends in a direction generally perpendicular to the axial direction of the bottle.
14. (Original) The inflator of claim 13, wherein an end of the bottle having the projection fits into an open end of the receiving member.
15. (Original) The inflator of claim 14, wherein the receiving member includes a guide groove configured to allow the bottle and the projection to move axially within the receiving member without engaging the groove.
16. (Original) The inflator of claim 15, wherein the receiving member and bottle are configured to be rotated relative to each other to allow the projection to engage the first mentioned groove.
17. (Original) An inflator comprising:
  - a bottle having an axial direction and configured to be charged with a high-pressure gas;
  - a sealing plate positioned to seal the bottle at an orifice; and
  - a receiving member having an axial direction including a perforation structure for breaking the sealing plate,wherein the bottle and receiving member are coupled together and prevented from rotating relative to one another by a key positioned in a key groove.
18. (Original) The inflator of claim 17, wherein a portion of the key groove is located on the receiving member.
19. (Original) The inflator of claim 17, wherein an end of the bottle extends into an end of the receiving member.

20. (New) An inflator for an airbag module for a vehicle comprising:

- a bottle configured to be charged with a high-pressure gas;
- a sealing plate positioned to seal the bottle at an orifice; and
- a receiving member including a perforation structure for breaking the sealing plate,

wherein the receiving member is configured to communicate with an airbag for a vehicle, and

wherein one of the receiving member and the bottle includes a projection extending partially around the periphery of the receiving member or the bottle and wherein the projection mates with a groove in the other of the receiving member or bottle when the bottle and receiving member are coupled together thereby preventing the receiving member and the bottle from moving apart.